

# MATTHEWS GLAD MAYOR'S OPINION PARALLELS OWN

Jo Formal Reply on Third Degree Note as He Hasn't Read It.

"I have not read the note and therefore I have nothing to say at this time." That was the statement of W. D. Matthews, commissioner of charities and correction, when asked Wednesday for a copy of his report on Sheriff Overholser's reply to his report upon all investigation of Oklahoma City police methods. Commissioner Matthews has been out of the city since the mayor replied.

"It comes from the newspaper accounts, however, that the mayor agrees with me that third degreeing should be abated and that all I can offer," said the com- missioner with an air of more or less sarcasm.

"When I catch up with the work of my office I will read the mayor's copy and then I will tell you what I think of it."

For the past two days Commissioner Matthews has been in New Orleans attending the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological congress as a delegate from Oklahoma. Last Thursday he addressed the congress. He was a member of the committee which selected Mason, La., as the meeting place next year, and was elected secretary of the organization for Oklahoma. He considers the affair Mr. Matthews believes the 1918 meeting will be secured for Oklahoma.

On his return to Oklahoma City the commissioner stopped at Galveston, Texas, where Sunday night he preached from the pulpit of the First Methodist church. Monday morning he addressed the ministerial alliance of Galveston.

## TULSA 'Y' TEAM FINISHES THIRD

International Contests at New York Result Favorably to Oklahoma Boys.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Results of the second international basketball athletic contest of the Young Men's Christian Association and the first international contest for boys were announced here today. One hundred and twenty-seven associations, represented by 3,666 young men took part in the senior while sixteen associations, the boys, participated in the junior basketball. The senior teams taking part were divided into three classes. Class A included those having a general membership of 2,000 or more; class B those having a membership of more than 750 and less than 2,000; and class C those having a membership of 500 or less.

The winners were: Class A, San Francisco, class B, Atlanta, N. Y.; Detroit, Newark, N. J., class C, El Paso.

Victors in the boys' contest follow: Class A, Willard, class B, London, Ontario, Montgomery, senior, and Tulsa, third; El Paso, fourth; Class C, Youngstown, Ohio.

**WIND CARRIES AWAY  
CAFE AT GUN CLUB**

A gale blowing forty-two miles an hour swept over the Capital Gun Club grounds at Bell's Lake Tuesday, handicapping the shooters to a great extent. One plank of the wind was to pick up the tent covering the temporary restaurant and carry it away. All sorts of good things to eat were spread over the field. The wind Wednesday morning was almost as strong.

**Each Second an Age, It Seems to Pug,  
As Referee Is Counting a Rival Out;  
Record Made at McGoorty-Brown Mill**

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Victor Moran wishes to go on record as being opposed to having butchers referee any of his future fights.

"Oh, yes, how I hate them their butchers," growled the New Orleans lightweight, as he grabbed his moustache and clenched his bulky fists. "And then he told us how the butcher was born."

A little while back, U. fought Charlie White in Chattanooga, and they can be a butcher to referee," recited Moran. "They told me down there he was a great ring expert. And I fell for it."

"In the first round I caught White with a right hook and down he went. That was the signal for that butcher guy to begin the count. Did he do it? Did he not? He was more surprised over that knockout than White was himself."

In a dazed sort of way that butcher looked at White, then out into the crowd, then at White's manager and finally at me. Then it was that I woke up to the fact that the referee wasn't doing any counting. I jumped over at him."

"Hey! What's wrong with you? Come down you—count. I yelled at him, and I hopped him one in the eye to get him started. He was counting awfully slow. He seemed to me to start counting before he had even taken off his robe and was at him to keep it clean."

"At the count of seven which actually was about fifteen seconds after I knocked down White, the Chicago boy got up. I knocked White down again with a left hook later on in the fight, but the best I got out of it was a draw."

"Butchers are all right in their place—but that ain't a prize ring."

Moran claims twelve knockout victories in his forty-eight fights. He never has been knocked down or out and is ranking in Gotham now in the bone sandbagging Freddie Welsh, Benny Leonard or Johnny Dundee.

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